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COQUIEL DE TER HEIRLEIRE COQUIEL dit LeMERCIER

1. NICHOLAS de COQUIEL, married Jeanne des Malines.

2. JEHAN de COQUIEL was living in Tournay (Belgium) 1406; he made his will 21 April 1434; married Catherine Henri.

3. CARON de COQUIEL was born at Tournay, 1408; made his will 1474; married (1) Agnes de Pottrie; married (2) JEHANE CARPENTIER, dit du Bos, born 1432; died at Tournay, 1484.

4. NICHOLAS de COQUIEL was born at Tournay, 1474. He established the second branch of the family at Antwerp. With his brother Michel, he was granted a coat of arms. Nicholas was the only Protestant (Huguenot) at that time. He married JEHANNE de MARTINS, who possessed the arms of her own family.

5. RENAUD de COQUIEL was born at Tournay, 1498, and he married ANTOINETTE THERISSART (Dame de AISCHVAL) who was born at Tournay in 1509.

6. JEHAN de COQUIEL dit le Mercier, Seigneur d'Aischval, born about 1530 at Tournay; married, 1550, PERONNE de la HOUE, of Ypres. He became a refugee (Huguenot) in London, 1568.

7. JAN le MERCIER, born about 1559, died 3/5 January 1625/6; married, 18 October 1579, at Southampton, England, JANNE le CLERC, (daughter of Arnould le Clerc and Jeanne Lippenson). Janne le Clerc Mercier died 28 March 1620/21.

8. HESTER le MERCIER (Hester Mercer) alias Coquiel, baptized in the Huguenot Church at Southampton, England, 1 August 1602; died about 1630; married there, NATHANIEL BATCHELDER, born probably at Wherwell, about 1590, died about 1645, probably at Southampton, the son of the Reverend Stephen and Ann Bachiler.

Arms: Argent, three trefoils, Vert; on a chief, Gules, a lion passant, Or. Crest: The lion of the shield.

1. JOHN[1] Le MERCIER (Jan Le Mercier, dit Cocquiel) was a Huguenot born in Tournai, Belgium. He was living at Ypres in 1566, and married, Jeanne Le Clerc, a native of France. "Married 18 October 1579, Jan Mercier, a native of Tournai, and Janne le Clerc, a native of Valenciennes, with the consent of both fathers, widowers." The Mercer family was a branch of the Cocquiel family and was already established at Tournai at the end of the thirteenth century.

Children of John and Jeanne (le Clerc) Mercer:

2. Mary Mercer (Marie Cocquiel alias Le Mercier) was baptized 2 Sept. 1582; m. Martin Vander Bist, merchant, of La Rochelle, France. She made her will, 27 Feb. 1608, and it was proved 3 November 1631. To the poor of the French church at Rochelle, fifty pounds; to the poor of the Hospital, fifty pounds; to the advancement of the ministry of the Hospital, fifty pounds; to the advancement of the ministry, fifty pounds, to the box of the Dutch poor, fifty pounds; to godsons and friends, 1,800 pounds; a diamond ring to Mistress de Vogell; to nephew Martin Vander Bist, 500 pounds and a ring; other generous bequests to her brothers and sisters and their heirs, some of whom will be noted below. She died without issue.

3. Elizabeth Mercer, bapt. 9 June 1586; m. (1) Mr. Stroad (or Strowde), whose widow she was in 1608; m. (2) Mr. Blanchard. From her sister Mary (Mercer) Vander Bist, she received a bequest of a ruby ring and a thousand pounds. She was mentioned by her brother Daniel Mercer in 1650, and in 1661, her brother Paul Mercer left her by will, his "second best diamond." Her children and grandchildren likewise received bequests from her brother Paul Mercer.

4. Judith Mercer, bapt. 30 May 1587; m. a Mr. Johnson, who died between 1650 and 1651. Her sister, Mary (Mercer) Vander Bist bequeathed to her in 1608, a small diamond ring and 1,800 pounds; from her brother, Daniel Mercer, she received ten pounds in 1650, and her brother, Paul Mercer, in 1661, left her an annuity of 20 pounds for the rest of her life. She had two children: Mary[3], who married James Chipcase, who died before 1661, when her uncle, Paul Mercer, bequeathed her 200 pounds; Jane[3], who married (1) Gideon Delawne; and who married, (2) Thomas Coles. She had an only child: (i) Anne[4] Delawne. Jane (Johnson)(Delawne) Coles received from the estate of her uncle Paul Mercer, in 1661, his "jewel of pendent diamonds," valued at 100 pounds, with 100 pounds in money. Her first husband, Gideon Delawne, of St. Anne Blackfriars, London, apothecary, made his will, 13 November 1658, which was proved 10 January 1658/9. His wife was appointed executrix, and to her was left his house, household goods, money, plate, etc., and the care of their child, Anne. As fourth son of Abraham Delawne and Anne Sandys (marriage contract dated 6 July 1627), daughter of Sir Richard Sandys of Kent, he received by will from his grandfather, Gideon Delawne, of London, Esquire and Alderman, dated 19 June 1654; proved 1659, certain bequests. His great-grandfather was the Reverend William Delawne, a French Protestant minister and Doctor of physic, and his two great uncles were Doctors Paul Delawne and Peter Delawne, M.D. His grandfather was an apothecary and was appointed apothecary to Anne of Denmark, queen of James I. His grandmother Delawne was Judith, daughter of Henry Chamberlaine. The widow Jane (Johnson) Delawne then married, second, Thomas Coles, born at Morton Pickney, Northamptonshire (whose will was made 23 August 1672 and proved 7 September 1672) who was a citizen and clothmaker of St. Mary Islington, London.

5. Peter, (Pierre Mercer), bapt. 29 Aug. 1588. #

6. Phillipe, bapt. 14 Dec. 1589; d.y.

7. Hester (Esther), bapt. 23 May 1591; d.y.

8. Phillipe, bapt. 3 Mar. 1593.

9. Samuel, bapt. 4 Sept. 1594; d. before 1650; his portrait was willed by his brother, the Reverend Francis Mercer, to Francis Mercer, Jr., in 1677.

10. Anne, bapt. 2 July 1600; d. before 1661; m. Peter Houblon, of Huguenot descent, who was made executor of the will of his brother-in-law, Daniel Mercer, in 1650, and received from him a gift of five pounds; she, having been brought up by her sister, Mary (Mercer) Vander Bist, received especial favors from her will of 1608, viz., a gift of 3,000 pounds and her ewer of silver gilt, her little silver cup, etc.

11. Daniel Mercer, bapt. 24 July 1601; was a dyer, of St. Olave, Southwark, and he made his will 28 August 1650, proved 6 September 1650. He married Sarah Houblon, who had been married before. From his sister, Mary (Mercer) Vander Bist, he received 1,800 pounds and a ring, according to her will of 1608. In his own will he left twenty pounds sterling to the poor of St. Olave; to his cousin, the Reverend Mr. Cooper, minister of said parish, five pounds; to his wife Sarah, all goods, leases and estates which belonged to her before their marriage, as well as 500 pounds out of his own neat estate; he also left lands in Ireland valued at 400 pounds to his son Daniel and other sums to relatives, some of which are mentioned elsewhere; his eldest son, Daniel Mercer, was a merchant, of London, who received from his father lands in Ireland as noted above, and "messuages, etc., in Sussex, purchased of John Middleton, gentleman." In his own will (made 22 November

1687; proved 12 May 1692), he disposed of his house at Lyme Street, London, and his house at Peckham, Sussex, to his five children.

L2. HESTER MERCER (Esther), was baptized at the Huguenot Church in Southampton, 1 August 1602. She married Nathaniel Batchelder (see pages 28 and 29 below).

L3. The Reverend FRANCIS MERCER made his will 25 January 1667, which was proved, 31 January 1668. He was minister at Godmanston, Dorset, England. In 1608, he received from his sister, Mary (Mercer) Vander Bist, 1,800 pounds and a ring. He was mentioned in the will of his brother Daniel, 1650. His brother Paul made him executor of his will in 1661, made him a bequest of thirty pounds, and after paying the numerous bequests mentioned in the will, made him his residuary legatee. The Reverend Francis Mercer married the widow Katherine Browne, who, by her former husband had a son, Captain Robert Browne, of Blandford St. Mary, Esquire. In his own will, Mr. Mercer left to Captain Browne, the pictures of Sir Robert Browne and Dame Frances his lady, and of Mrs. Anne Browne, daughter of the said Sir Robert Browne; Captain Browne was also made an overseer of the will of the Reverend Francis Mercer. Children of the Reverend Francis Mercer: (1) Peter^3 Mercer, who received by will of his uncle Paul Mercer, 100 pounds; by will of his own father, he received thirty pounds for his issue, 1667, and for the same, one quarter of 666 pounds after the death of his uncle Peter Mercer; he also received from his father in 1667, the portrait of his grandfather, John Mercer. (2) John^3 Mercer, of London, mariner, made his will, 26 January 1662, proved 23 March 1663; the will was made on the good ship "Constantinople Merchant", en route to Bantam in the East Indies; he received by will of his uncle Paul Mercer, 100 pounds, and left among other bequests, forty-five pounds to his parents.

(3) Francis[3] Mercer, Jr., of Sarum, Wiltshire, ironmonger, was executor of his father's will; his wife, Abigail, was left by her father-in-law, The Reverend Francis Mercer, his case for rings with a small gold ring. He seems to have been the general favorite for his brother John left him twenty pounds, his uncle Paul Mercer left him 100 pounds; his father, the Reverend Francis Mercer, left him the picture of his grandmother, Jeanne (Le Clerc) Mercer, her wedding ring of gold, and one other wedding ring having a coat of arms set in the stone therein; also his silver seal of arms, his steel glass, his best gold weights, his agate picture, the picture of Henry IV., late King of France, and pictures of his uncle, Samuel Mercer, and pictures of two gentlewomen; other bequests; his issue to receive a quarter of 666 pounds after the death of his uncle Peter Mercer. (4) Jane Mercer married Edward Furber; from her uncle Paul Mercer, bequest of 100 pounds in 1661; from her father, jewels and silver; other bequests; and a quarter of 666 pounds on the death of her uncle Paul Mercer. (5) Esther[3] Mercer, married John Willis; bequest of 100 pounds from her uncle Paul Mercer in 1661; from her father, a silver tooth-pick, a silver eye-cup, a clock; etc.; a quarter of 666 pounds on the death of her uncle Peter Mercer.

14. Paul Mercer, of Southampton, unmarried, merchant, made his will 6 June 1661, proved 9 September 1661; he received from his sister, Mary (Mercer) Vander Bist, 500 pounds and her great diamond ring; served as executor for his brother-in-law, Peter Pryaulx, in 1643, and received from him plate to the value of forty pounds; executor of his brother, Daniel Mercer, and received a bequest from him; throughout the family he distributed his great wealth with a lavish hand as has been noted before; he left directions that he be buried

in Godshouse Chapel, Southampton, and that thirty cloth mourning-gowns be distributed among thirty poor men and women inhabitants of his town, every gown to be worth thirty shillings apiece; to the Reverend William Bernard, vicar of Holywoods church, five pounds; to other friends and servants like sums; and to the poor of the English and French churches gathered in said town, 100 pounds.

5. Jane Mercer married Peter Pryaulx, of Southampton, merchant; from her sister, Mary (Mercer) Vander Bist, she received 1,800 pounds and a saphire ring; her husband made his will 15 November 1643; proved 31 December 1644; left funds to the poor of the French church and the English church at Southampton, and to the poor of St. Peter's Port on the island of Quernsay (probably his birthplace). Their children were: (1) Captain Peter[3] Pryaulx, died at Southampton, where he lived, before 1661; was executor of his father's will, 1643, by which he received a house and garden in Southampton and the lease of his father's house next to the "Star" in the same city, with 200 pounds, his father's scarlet gown and two black gowns, his mother's best diamond ring, and the great gilt bowl his grandmother gave to his father; had eight children, those living received 100 pounds apiece from their great-uncle Paul Mercer in 1661. (2) The Reverend William Pryaulx, minister at Rusper, Sussex, died before 1677; married Jeane, daughter of Henry Stone; as executor of his father's will, 1643, he received a bequest of 200 pounds, his mother's best sapphire, and a wine bowl; among other bequests his eldest son, the Reverend Peter[4] Pryaulx, minister at Melksham, (will made 18 May 1677; proved 26 August 1686) left five pounds for the use of the parish of Melksham and the same sum to the poor of that parish, as well as a like sum for the poor of Rusper, Sussex; also other bequests to friends and relatives. (3) Robert[3]

Pryaulx was overseer of his father's will, 1643 and received from his father's estate, 200 pounds, his mother's sapphire and a wine bowl. (4) The Reverend John[3] Pryaulx, D.D., arch-deacon and canon of the cathedral church of New Sarum and probably the most eminent of the family, died before 1677, overseer of his father's will, 1643; that of his uncle Paul Mercer, 1661, and of his uncle, the Reverend Francis Mercer, 1667; from his father he received 800 pounds and the patronage of the Parish Church in Elsteed; from his mother an emerald from his uncle Francis, certain books. (5) Paul[3] Pryaulx, merchant, of London; received from his father in 1643, 700 pounds and his house, land and copse in the tything of Bitterne; from his mother an emerald. He was also an overseer of the will of his uncle Paul Mercer, in 1661. (6) Elizabeth[3] Pryaulx, d. before 1643; married Jacob Fortey, merchant, of London; from her mother, her children received a rose of diamonds and a wine bowl in 1643. (7) Frances[3] Pryaulx received by will of her father, 1643, 1,200 pounds, and from her deceased mother, in the same year, a rose of diamonds.

5. PETER[2] MERCER (John 1), was baptized as Pierre Mercer, 29 August 1588 and he was living in 1667. He was living in Ireland in 1608, when he was bequeathed by his sister, Mary (Mercer) Vander Bist, a gold ring with a blue stone and 1,800 pounds. His brother, Daniel Mercer, left him fifty pounds in 1650, and his brother Paul Mercer bequeathed him an annuity of forty pounds for life.

Children of Peter Mercer:

16. Hester[3] Mercer, only daughter, married (contract 12 May 1660), Thomas Cary; her uncle, Paul Mercer, bequeathed her 200 pounds in 1661.

17. Thomas Mercer, surviving son in 1661. #

18. William Mercer, died before 1661; married Susan. They had

three children living in 1661: Paul[4] Mercer; Susan Mercer, who was willed fifty pounds by her great uncle, Paul Mercer, 1661, and Anna Mercer. The latter received a like sum from the same source. These three children were also to receive 1,100 pounds, which had been received in a judgment for them previous to 1661, and mentioned by their great uncle in his will.

12. HESTER[2] MERCER (John 1), was baptized in the Huguenot church at Southampton, 1 August 1602, and died, probably at Southampton, certainly before 1650. She married Nathaniel Batchelder, born in England, 1590, died at Hampton, New Hampshire, 1645, the eldest son of the Reverend Stephen Bachiler, A.B. (1561-1660), the first minister at Lynn, Massachusetts (1632-1636), and at Hampton, New Hampshire, in which state he was the first regularly settled minister of the first regularly established church to be gathered there. Nathaniel Batchelder was admitted freeman of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, 29 May 1645. He had been a merchant at Southampton, England, but had come to New England after the death of his wife, Hester Mercer. She is mentioned in the will of her brother, Daniel Mercer, 1650, and the children were named, the mother having died before that time. From her sister, Mary (Mercer) Vander Bist, she received, according to the will of 1608, 1,800 pounds and her pointed diamond ring. Children: (1) Anna[3] Batchelder, married Daniel du Cornet, of Middleburgh, Holland, merchant; she received by will of her uncle, Paul Mercer, in 1661, 180 pounds sterling. (2) Stephen Batchelder, of London, 1685. (3) Francis Batchelder, was born and lived in England. He received a bequest from his uncle, Daniel Mercer, 1650, and from his uncle Paul Mercer's estate, 1661, one third of 200 pounds. (4) Deacon Nathaniel Batchelder was born in England, about 1630; died at Hampton, New Hampshire, 17

December 1700. He received a bequest of 200 pounds sterling, 1661, from the estate of his uncle Paul Mercer. (See a full account of his life on pages 28 and 29 of my Batchelder Genealogy). (5) Benjamin Batchelder; resided in England; received 200 pounds from the estate of his uncle Paul Mercer, 1661.

Descent from Hester (Mercer) Batchelder:

Deacon Nathaniel[3] Batchelder (No. 4 above), m. Deborah Smith.

Ruth[4] Batchelder, m. Deacon James Blake.

James[5] Blake, 3rd., m. Wait Simpson.

Samuel[6] Blake, m. Patience White.

Adjutant Jonathan[7] Blake, m. Sarah Pierce.

Mary[8] Blake, m. Richard Clap.

Mary[9] Clap, m. Charles Frederick Weis.

John Peter Carl[10] Weis, m. Georgina Lewis. (See No. 28 page xviii).

Rev. Frederick Lewis[11] Weis, m. Elizabeth Williams Stone.

Robert Pomeroy[12] Weis, m. Rosamond Holme Marble.

Virginia Stone[12] Weis, m. Standish Taber Bourne.

Robert Pomeroy Weis, m. 2, Mary Carolyn Decrouez.

17. THOMAS[3] MERCER (Peter 5, John 1), surviving son of Peter Mercer, in 1661, and as such he received from his uncle Paul Mercer's estate, by will of 1661, fifty pounds. He married Edith, who died at Salisbury, Massachusetts, 5 February 1688. He was the Thomas Mercer who settled at Lynn, Massachusetts, 1639/40, and was living in what was then the eastern part of Maine in 1650. He owned 112 acres of land at Cape Porpus, 1652, which he sold in 1666. Before 1660, he settled at Salt Water Falls, Sheepscott, Maine. His wife was in Boston with the refugees from King Philip's War, where she lived from October 1676 to 1682, after which she removed to Salisbury, where her son

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or son-in-law, Samuel, born about 1662, was apprenticed to George Carr, Esq., of Salisbury, 20 Oct. 1676, for seven years. Thomas Mercer is also described as a cousin of Nathaniel Batchelder of Hampton, New Hampshire. This relationship is clearly identified by ten examples of the name Esther, or Hester. (Noted by *)

*1. Hester Mercer, b. 1602; m. Nathaniel Batchelder (both b. Southampton)

*2. Hester Mercer, b. 1591; d.y. *3. Esther Mercer, m. John Willis.

*4. Hester Mercer, m. 1660, Thomas Cary.

*5. Hester Mercer, b. 1664/5; m. Deacon Samuel Shaw.

*6. Esther Mercer, b. 1702; m. Jonathan Ring.

*7. Esther Dearborn, b. 1694; m. Ebenezer Lovering & Wm. Norton.

*8. Esther Hobbs, b. 1719; m. Samuel Drake.

*9. Esther Mercer, m. Nathaniel Draper & Robert Scott.

*10. Esther Draper, b. 1670; m. Joseph Roberts; she d. 1761

19. ESTHER[4] MERCER (Thomas 17, Peter 5, John 1), the daughter of Thomas and Edith Mercer, married, first, Nathaniel Draper, Esq., and she married, second, 1680, Robert Scott. Mr. Draper came from Hitchen, Hertfordshire, England, and he settled at Sheepscott, Maine, before 1649. He was living there on 3 February 1648/9, when he witnessed an Indian deed, and was living on Damariscove Island in 1651. He bought a large tract of land of the Indians and his heirs formed a land company. He was undoubtedly killed by the Indians in King Philip's War, 1676. His widow, Esther Scott, was the mother of Esther and Lydia, though probably not of all his other children. She was admitted

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*There are numerous other examples

to the First Church in Charlestown, Massachusetts, in April 1699. During the Indian Wars she was a refugee at Boston, 1676-1683. In 1683, she returned to Sheepscott, but was living in Boston again in January 1689/90, and from there removed to Charlestown, where she was living when she joined the church there.

Robert Scott, her second husband, whom she had married in 1680, had settled at Sheepscott, Maine, soon after her first husband's arrival there, for Mr. Scott witnessed an Indian deed to George Davies, 1663/4, and he bought half of the Great Neck, on the upper Sheepscott River, from Philip Bendall, in 1665. Walter Phillips, Tabitha Phillips, Margaret Phillips and Thomas Gent supported his claim to land on the East side of the Damariscotta River. Robert Scott, the second husband, was appointed guardian to the grandson of his wife, Samuel Whittemore, Junior, in 1707, when the latter was fifteen years of age.

The will of Robert Scott was made 15 October 1705, leaving all to his wife Esther, except a legacy to his son Samuel Scott by a former wife. The inventory taken 12 December 1711, reveals a small estate.

Children of Nathaniel, Esq. and Esther (Mercer) Draper:

20. Esther[5] Draper, b. ca. 1670 (aged 64 years in 1733); d. 1761; m. Joseph Roberts, of Boston, shipwright, b. Boston, 24 Jan. 1673; living 1729, son of Simon and Christian (Baker) Roberts. In 1791, friends of Esther (Draper) Roberts, who died in 1761, deposed that her mother married Robert Scott, and that he already had a son Samuel, when he married her.

21. Lydia Draper, b. ca. 1673. #

Child of Robert and Esther (Mercer)(Draper) Scott:

22. Thomas Scott, b. Boston, 13 Oct. 1681; d. before 1705.

21. LYDIA[5] DRAPER (Esther 19, Thomas 17, Peter 5, John 1), the daughter of Nathaniel, Esquire, and Esther (Mercer) Draper, was born about 1673. She was baptized as an adult at Charlestown, 7 January 1693/4, aged twenty years, and she was living in Middleton, Massachusetts, as a widow in 1744. She married, first, about 1692, Samuel Whittemore. She married, second, at Charlestown, 14 March 1699/1700, Benjamin Richardson, born at Woburn, 25 June 1674, died at Leicester, Massachusetts, 1728, the son of Isaac and Deborah (Fuller) Richardson, of Woburn. They were married by the Reverend Simon Bradstreet, the minister at Charlestown. She married, third, after 1728, a Mr. Parker of Middleton, whose widow she was in 1744.

A document found among the deeds on record in the county of York, Maine, book 21, pages 50-52, is a "Division Deed" conveying to John Burt, Joseph Roberts, Esther Roberts, Samuel Whittemore, Samuel Richardson, Thomas Richardson, Benjamin Richardson and Isaac Richardson, a certain tract of land in the county of York (which then, and until 1760, included the whole territory of Maine), containing about ten thousand acres, lying on the west side of the Sheepscott River, formerly part of the estate of Nathaniel Draper, Esq., which tract of land is commonly called the Upper Township. On the eighteenth day of September last this was divided into ten parts or lots, and by them respectively drawn . . . and in and by this division deed the lots No. 1 and No. 9, are set off to Esther Roberts, Samuel Richardson, Thomas Richardson, Benjamin Richardson and Issac Richardson, as their part thereof. Dated 23 January 1738, and signed by all the parties above named.

Most of the above named parties are known grandchildren of Nathaniel Draper, and the others are probably descendants also. Esther (Draper) Roberts was a daughter; Joseph Roberts was her

husband; Benjamin Richardson and Isaac Richardson were brothers and sons of Benjamin Richardson, Senior, and Lydia (Draper)(Richardson), a daughter. Samuel Whittemore was the son of Lydia (Draper)(Whittemore) Richardson, wife of Benjamin Richardson, Senior, by her first husband, Samuel Whittemore. He was surety on a bond as administratrix of her deceased husband's estate, 1729. The second wife of Samuel Richardson was Esther, perhaps Roberts.

By another "Division Deed" dated the same day, the eight parties first named in the above deed with the addition of Charles Coffin, were the proprietors of a tract of land in the county of York, containing twenty-thousand acres, which had been by them divided into two townships, the Upper and the Lower. These townships are in what is now the county of Lincoln, near Wiscassett.

The four Richardsons, Samuel, Benjamin, Isaac and Thomas, all of Woburn, bought of John Ludgate, land on the Sheepscott River and other places, 6 October 1736. (York Deeds, 20: 131).

SHEEPSCOT

The plantation of Sheepscot grew up side by side with Pemaquid and Georgetown. The fame of its unrivaled soil, described by the Reverend Mr. Cushman as "a gem of untold wealth to the agriculturist and planter," caused a number of the most prominent men of the Massachusetts Bay to invest there, while a few took their families and became residents. The neck of land upon which the plantation was situated was granted, in 1652, to John Mason by the neighboring Sagamores. In 1665, the Duke of York, afterwards, James II, recieved a grant of this section, and by means of his governor, Dungan, exercised jurisdiction from Sagadahock to Nova Scotia, and his commissioners held a court at the house of John Mason, at Sheepscot, 5 September 1665. They organized the entire territory

as a county, giving it the name of Cornwall. Then they renamed the Sheepscot plantation Dartmouth, or New Dartmouth. Those who at that time time took the oath of allegiance to His Majesty's government were:

Sheepscot		Damariscotta
William Dole	William Merkes	Walter Phillips, Clerk
William Dyer Esq	John Mason	Robert Scott
Christopher Dyer	Thomas Mercer	John Taylor
Nathaniel Draper, Esq.	Moses Pike	John White
Thomas Gent	Andre Stalger	
William James		

This was a Royalist settlement. Their religion "though cast in an Episcopal mould, was remarkable for its simplicity and liberal principles."

The settlement at Sheepscot flourished for many years; schools were opened, houses and mills were built, land was cleared, "and a profitable trade sprung up." "The beginning of King Philip's War at Plymouth, in June 1675, kindled in the Indians of Maine the smouldering fire of distrust to an almost intollerable heat, yet the horror of the situation did not culminate in Maine until a year later. In August 1676, the Indians became aggressive, stealthily killing some of the most prominent men in the villages, capturing others, and destroying all who came in their way. Sheepscot was abandoned by the English, who fled to the fort at Cape Newwaggen, now Southport; their homes were burnt, their goods were left behind. Those who sought refuge at Cape Newwagen again were forced to flee. James Gyles, in his diary, states that "when we and the rest of Kennebec neighbors - - - got to Daroas - - - Cove about two miles from the main land," we " met the people of Shipscut, Pemaquid, and all other places thereabouts, who fled to save their lives." They first considered "what vessels and boats there were in the harbor,

and finding therewas enough to carry all the people away, the 16th day of August at night we set sail and left not one man, woman, or child behind; some for Piscataway, Salem, Boston, and other towns in the Bay, according as they had friends and relations."

Among the early settlers of Sheepscot were:

Thomas and Edith Mercer.

Nathaniel and Esther (Mercer) Draper.

Robert Scott, second husband of Esther (Mercer) Draper.

Lydia Draper, wife of Benjamin Richardson, of Leicester.

Joseph and Esther (Draper) Roberts.

James and Mary Phips. (Parents of Sir William Phipps).

John White, second husband of the widow Mary Phips. (He was the partner of James Phips and married his widow; they were the ancestors of Andrew D. White, the celebrated scientist, theologian and presiden of Cornell University).

Captain John and Elizabeth (Gent) Phips.

John and Elizabeth Gent.

John and Mary (Gent) Mason.

Ensign Thomas and Sarah (Taylor) Gent.

(Those underlined are ancestors of the present writer: F.L.W).

Esther Draper, daughter of Nathaniel and Esther (Mercer) Draper, married, about 1695, Joseph Roberts. In 1738, Esther Roberts, widow, and her son, Joseph Roberts, caulker, joined with others in a division of "about Ten Thousand Acres - - - on the Westerly Side of Sheepscot River - - - formerly part of the Estate of Nathll Draper of the same place Esqr. Decd." Vide: York County Deeds, 19:113; 21:49-51.

Robert Scott, for the heirs of Nathaniel Draper, claimed several parcels of "land bought of Jack Pudding, alias Daniel, Sagamore of Sheepscot, between Butt falls and the great bay."

The heirs of John Mason, whose wife was a daughter of Madame Elizabeth Gent, laid claim to the large tracts of land he had bought, in 1652, of Indian Sagamores. Thomas Gent, who had lived on Garrison Hill with his mother, Madame Elizabeth Gent, claimed the same lands by virtue of Indian deeds. The historian, Cushman, says that, "in the subsequent controversies, the Indian titles prevailed over the grants under the Duke of York's government; they were prior in date and followed generally by occupation." Thomas Gent married Sarah, daughter of John Taylor. In addition to his first claim, Gent bought a second claim for "land at Damarascotta, upon which he built a house and lived several years, given him by his father-in-law, John Taylor."

Madame Elizabeth Gent (Ghent or Jent) was the widow of John[1] Gent, fisherman, of New Dartmouth, in Cornwall County, Maine. She was married, second, to "George Speere," of Braintree, Massachusetts. In 1688, Spear laid claims to the Sheepscot lands of John Gent, stating that "whereas your petitioners wife's first husband, John Gent - - - at the time of his family's being in Boston, he was cast away, etc." (Rev. David Quimby Cushman, The History of Ancient Sheepscot and Newcastle, 1882).

23. Benjamin[6] Richardson, son of Benjamin and Lydia[5](Draper) Richardson, was born at Stoneham, Massachusetts, 8 April 1703; d. Leicester, after April 1760; married, Leicester, 1724, Patience Earle, born Freetown, 24 November 1702; died Leicester, 1755, daughter of Ensign Ralph and Mary (Carr) Earle.

24. Captain Benjamin[7] Richardson, Esq., son of Benjamin, Jr. and Patience (Earle) Richardson, was born at Leicester, 22 February 1731/2; died Sterling, 8 June 1821, aged 89 years; Captain in the Revolutionary War; Justice-of-the-Peace; named the town of Sterling; Esquire; married

at Lancaster, 4 December 1777, Abigail Whitcomb, born at Lancaster, Massachusetts, 19 June 1748; died Dterling, 29 May 1790, the daughter of Colonel Asa and Eunice (Sawyer) Whitcomb, and a great-great-granddaughter of John Prescott, the Founder of Lancaster, Massachusetts, 1645.

25. William[8] Richardson, born at Sterling, 19 April 1783; died there, 20 July 1828; innkeeper and chairmaker; married there, 18 February, 1807, Prudence Burpee, daughter of Corporal Moses and Elizabeth (Kendall) Burpee.

26. George[9] Richardson, born at Sterling, 26 August 1812; died at Rye, New York, 13 October 1876; married at Framingham, 2 June 1836, Harriet Newell Phipps, daughter of Sylvanus, Esquire, and Anna (Winch) Phipps.

27. Harriet Phipps[10] Richardson, married Senator Abiel Smith Lewis, son of Thomas III and Polly (Clap) Lewis of Boston.

28. Georgina[11] Lewis, married John Peter Carl Weis (see p. 139).

29. Rev. Frederick Lewis[12] Weis, married Elizabeth Williams Stone.

30. Robert Pomeroy Weis, m. (1) Rosamond Holme Marble.
He married (2) Mary Carolyn Decrouez.

31. Virginia Stone Weis, m. Standish Taber Bourne, Jr.

Here, then, are two Coquiel lines of descent straight back to Nicholas de Coquiel of Tournay, Belgium, in the 12th Century: one through Hester Mercer who married Nathaniel Batchelder and the other through Thomas Mercer of Sheepscott, Maine.

In 1944, the present writer typed a ms. of 95 pages: "Some HUGUENOT" ANCESTORS. This was before the Coquiel line was known to him. Both of the writer's parents are of Coquiel descent.

For the connecting lines see No. X and No. XVI. (10 & 16) above.

Sergt. John Phips
b. Douglas,
26 Jan. 1757
m. Sherborn,
2 Aug. 1781
d. Sherborn,
5 May 1831
Revolutionary soldier

(Hannah Coolidge)

Lieut. Jedediah Phips
b. Sherborn,
11 Mar. 1724/5
m. Sherborn,
7 June 1750
d. Sherborn,
14 Oct. 1818
ae. 94 yrs.
Colonial and Revolutionary soldier.

John Phips, 3rd.
b. Wrentham,
1697
m. Sudbury,
15 June 1719
d. Sherborn,
16 Oct. 1746

Hannah Walker
b. Sudbury,
1697
d. Sherborn,
4 Apr. 1743

Sarah Learned
b. Sherborn,
18 Jan. 1731/2
d. Sherborn,
6 Mar. 1810

Captain Edward Learned
b. Sherborn,
2 Dec. 1705
m. Sherborn,
25 Dec. 1728
d. Sherborn,
9 Sept. 1775
Colonial officer

Sarah Leland
b. Sudbury,
15 Aug. 1710
d. Sherborn,
17 Mar. 1735/6

John Phips, Jr.
b. Sheepscott, Me., Dec. 1668
m. Reading, ca. 1693
living Dudley, 1742 aged 70 yrs.

Mary Underwood
b. Reading, 13 June 1673
d. Medway, 14 Feb. 1754 ae. 82

Captain John Phips
eldest brother of Sir William Phips
d. befor 1682

Elizabeth Gent
b.
d. after 1682

Joseph Underwood
b. Watertown, 1650
m. 1672
d. Wat., Mar. 1690/1

Elizabeth

James Phips Pemequid
b. Mangotsfield, 1612/3
d. Woolwich, Me. 1661

Mary d. Woolwich, c.1704

John Gent Essex 1641
res New Dartmouth, 1659

Elizabeth
d. bef. Jan. 1715/6

Joseph Underwood
d. Wat. 16 Feb. 1676/7

Mary Wilder Martha
d. Wat. 13 Feb. 1658/9

William Walker
b. Sudbury, 22 July 1666
m. Sudbury, 6 May 1686
d. Sudbury, 3 Oct. 1732

Sarah Goodnow
b. Sudbury, 2 July 1666
d.

Thomas Walker
b. England, 1632
m.
d. Sudbury, 1697

Mary
b. 1646
d. Sudbury, 4 May 1731

Boston before 1661

Capt. John Goodnow
b. England, ca. 1635
m. Sudbury, 19 Sep. 1656
d. Sudbury, 6 Aug. 1721

Mary Axtell *
bp. Berkhampstead, Sep. 1639
d. Sudbury, 14 Apr. 1704

Capt. Edmund Goodnow
d. 6 Apr. 1688

Anne
d. Sudbury, 9 Mar. 1675

Thomas Axtell *
bp Berkh. 26 Jan. 1619
d. Sudbury, 8 Mar. 1646

Mary

Deacon Benoni Learned
b. Chelmsford, 29 Nov. 1657
m.
d. Sherborn, 10 Apr. 1738

Sarah Wright
b. Sudbury, 17 Jan. 1664/5
d. Sherborn, 25 Jan. 1736/7

Sergt. Isaac Learned
b. Eng., 23 Feb. 1623/4
m. Woburn, 9 July 1646
d. Chelmsf. 27 Nov. 1657

Mary Stearns
bp. Nayland, Suffolk, Eng. 23 Feb. 1623/4

Captain Edward Wright
b.
m. Sudbury, 18 June 1659
d. Sudbury, 7 Aug. 1703

Hannah Upson
b.
d. Sudbury, 18 May 1708

William Learned 1630
d. Woburn, 1 Mar. 1645/6

Gooditha

Isaac Stearns Wat. 1630
d. Watertown, 19 June 167

Mary Barker
d. Wat., 3 Apr. 1677

Sudbury, 1639

Stephen Upson
"Increase", 1635

Elizabeth

Ensign Henry Leland
b. Sherborn, 22 Feb. 1679
m.
d. Sherborn, 29 Oct. 1732

Mary Morse
b. Medfield, 5 Mar. 1685
d. Sherborn, 16 Oct. 1760

Dea. Hopestill Leland
b. Dorch., 15 Nov. 1653
m. Sherborn, 5 Nov. 1678
d. Sherborn, 19 Aug. 1729

Abigail Hill
b. Med'fd, 2 Feb. 1657/8
d. Sherborn, 5 Oct. 1689

Jeremiah Morse
b. Dedham, 10 Mar. 1651
m.
d. Medf., 19 Feb. 1715/6

Elizabeth Hamant
b. 1659
d. Medf. 23 Apr. 1733

Henry Leland

Margaret Badcock
b. 1630; d. 1705

John Hill Capt. John
d. 1717/8 Frances Tilden

Hannah Johnson
d. Sherborn, Nov. 1690

Joseph Samuel
1613-1654 Eliz. Jasper
m. 1 Sept. 1638

Hannah Phillips

Francis Hamant
d. Medfield, 1692

Susan
d. Medfield, 1708

NOTE: Axtell should be UPSON throughout.

Hannah Coolidge
b. Sherborn,
18 Nov. 1761
m. Sherborn,
2 Aug. 1781
d. Sherborn,
4 July 1851
ae. 90 yrs.

(Sergt. John Phips)

Joseph Coolidge
b. Sherborn,
22 Apr. 1725
m. Sherborn,
26 Jan. 1745/6
d. Sherborn,
19 Mar. 1776

Major Isaac Coolidge, Esq.
b. Sherborn,
21 Apr. 1686
m. Sherborn,
26 Apr. 1710
d. Sherborn,
2 June 1761
Colonial Officer; Justice-of-the-Peace; Representative.

Hannah Morse
b. Sherborn,
5 Apr. 1689
d. Sherborn,
11 Dec. 1774

Elizabeth Frost
bapt. Cambridge,
4 May 1729
d. Sherborn,
9 Feb. 1810

Captain Joseph Frost
b. Billerica,
23 Dec. 1680
m. Charlestown,
23 May 1717
d. Sherborn,
31 Mar. 1760

Hannah Estabrook
b. Cambridge,
2 Aug. 1698
d. Sherborn,
15 Mar. 1756

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John Coolidge, 3rd.
b. Watertown, 19 Feb. 1661/2
m. 1683
d. Sherborn, 18 Jan. 1713/4

Mary
b.
d. Sherborn, 13 Sept. 1724

Ensign John Coolidge
b. England, 1630
m. Wat., 14 Nov. 1655
d. Wat., 8 Feb. 1690/1

Hannah Livermore
b. England, 1635
d. Watertown, 23 Dec. 1698

John Coolidge Wat.1630
d. Watertown, 7 May 1691

Mary
d. Wat. 22 Aug. 1691

Corp. John Livermore
d. Wat., 22 Aug. 1691

wife unknown

Captain Joseph Morse
b. Dedham, 26 Sept. 1649
m. 11 Apr. 1685
d. Sherborn, 18 Feb. 1717/8
Noted Indian fighter

Hannah Badcock
b. Milton, 8 Feb. 1664/5
d. Sherborn, 9 Nov. 1711

Joseph Morse
bp. Eng., 2 May 1613
m. Dedham, 1 Sept. 1638
d. Dorchester, 1654

Hannah Phillips
d. Medfield, 3 Oct. 1676

Samuel Morse
d. Medfield, 5 Dec. 1654

Elizabeth Jasper
d. Medfield, 20 June 1655

Captain Robert Badcock
d. Milton, 12 Nov. 1694
m.

Joanna
d. Milton, 4 Dec. 1700

Dorchester, 1640

Dr. Samuel Frost
b. Cambridge, 12 Feb. 1637/8
m.
d. Billerica, 11 Aug. 1711 ae. 73
Physician

Elizabeth Miller
b. Yarmouth, 13 Oct. 1649
d.

Elder Edmund Frost
b.
m.
d. Cambridge, 12 July 1672

Thomasine

Cambridge, 1635

Cambridge, 1635

Rev. John Miller, A.M.
bp. Ashford, Kent, Oct. 1604
m.
d. Groton, 12 June 1663

Lydia
b.
d. Boston, 7 Aug. 1658

Dorchester, 1636
A.B., Gonville & Caius College, Camb., 1627/8

Capt. Dea. Joseph Estabrook
b. Concord, 6 May 1669
m. Lexington, 25 Aug. 1693
d. Lexington, 23 Sept. 1733

Hannah Leavitt
b. Hingham, 20 Mar. 1663/4
d.

Rev. Joseph Estabrook, A.M.
b. Enfield, Middlesex, Eng. 1640
m. Watertown, 20 May 1668

Mary Mason
b. Wat., 17 Dec. 1640
d.

Deacon John Levitt
b. England, 1608
m. Hingham, 16 Dec. 1646
d. Hingham, 20 Nov. 1691

Sarah Gilman
b.
d. Hingham, 26 May 1700

Cambridge, 1660
Harvard College, 1664

d. Conc., 17 Sept. 1711

Capt. Hugh Mason 1634
d. Wat., 10 Oct. 1678

Esther Welles
d. Wat. 21 May 1692

Hingham, 1636

Edward Gilman
b. Caston, Norf., 1587
m. Hingham, 3 June 1614
Mary Clark

Abigail Whitcomb
b. Lancaster,
19 June 1749
d. Sterling,
29 May 1790
m. (1) 1769
Desire French,
d. 1772
m. (2)
Lancaster,
4 Dec. 1777
(Capt. Benjamin Richardson)

Col. Dea. Asa Whitcomb
b. Lancaster, 1719
bp. Lancaster,
16 Aug. 1719
m. Lancaster,
26 Dec. 1744
d. Princeton,
16 Mar. 1804, ae. 85
Colonel in the French and Indian Wars and in the Revolution; Esquire; Deputy; Justic-of-the-Peace; Deacon, 2nd Chh. in Lancaster, now the First Church in Sterling.

John Whitcomb
b. Lancaster,
12 May 1684
m.
d. Lancaster,
July 1720

Rebecca Wilder
b. Lancaster
d. Chelmsford, 1732
She m. (2) Lancaster,
2 Jan. 1722/3
Samuel Chamberlain

Eunice Sawyer
bp. Lancaster,
28 Feb. 1724/5
d. Lancaster,
7 Sept. 1760
(bur. at Sterling)

Capt. Ephraim Sawyer, Esq.
b. Lancaster, 1694
m. Concord,
4 Mar. 1719/20
d. Lancaster,
8 May 1759

Eunice Houghton
b. Lancaster,
1 Mar. 1696
d. Lancaster,
14 June 1748

Jonathan Whitcomb bp. Taunton, England, 14 Sept. 1628 m. Lancaster, 25 Nov. 1667 d. Lancaster, Feb. 1690	John Whitcomb* b. England, 1588 m. Taunton, England, 26 Nov. 1623 Frances Cogan bp. Taunton, Somerset, 24 Feb. 1605/6 d. Lancaster, Mass., 17 May 1671	Dorchester, 1633 Scituate, 1640 Lancaster, 1653 Henry Cogan d.1 Dec.1612 m. 30 Nov. 1590 Joane Boridge *died Lancaster, 24 Sept. 1662 ae. 74.
Hannah b. d. killed by the Indians at Lancaster, 18 July 1718		
Lieut. John Wilder b. Charlestown, 1646 m. Lancaster, 17 July 1672 d. Lancaster, 1718	Thomas Wilder b. Shiplake-on-Thames, 1618 m. Charlestown Apr. 1640 d. Lancaster, 23 Oct. 1667 Anna b. d. Lancaster, 10 June 1692	Charlestown, 1639 adm. 1st Chh. Charlestown, 7 May 1650
Hannah Atherton b. Lancaster, 10 Jan. 1657/8 d. Lancaster, 4 Jan. 1737/8	James Atherton b. Wigan, Lancashire, 1626 m. d. Sherborn, 6 Aug. 1710 Hannah b. d. Sherborn, 29 Dec. 1713	Lancaster, 1653 Lancaster, 1653
Nathaniel Sawyer b. Lancaster, 24 Nov. 1670 m. ca. 1692 d. Lancaster, 10 Nov. 1756	Thomas Sawyer b. Lincolnshire, Eng. 1616 m. Lancaster, June 1648 d. Lancaster, 12 Sep. 1706 Mary Prescott bp. Hal., 24 Feb. 1629/30 d. Lancaster, after 1678	John Sawyer Rowley, 1643 Lancaster, 1647 ae. 90 yrs. John Prescott b. 1604 m. Hal. 11 Apr. 1629 Mary Gawkroger bp. Hal. 7 Feb. 1612/3
Mary b. d. Lancaster, before 25 June 1715		
Jonas Houghton b. Lancaster, Apr. 1663 m. Lancaster, 15 Feb. 1681/2 d. Lancaster, 10 Sept. 1723	John Houghton b. m. d. Lancaster, 29 Apr. 1684 Beatrix	Lancaster
Mary Burbeen b. Woburn, 2 July 1661 d. Lancaster, 31 Dec. 1720	John Burbeen b. m. Woburn, 16 Apr. 1650 d. Woburn, 8 Jan. 1714 Sarah Gould bp. Charlestown, 15 Dec. 1637 d. Woburn, 14 May 1670	From Scotland John Gould d. Charlestown, 1690 Mary

Hannah Coolidge of Sherborn, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Frost) Coolidge of Sherborn, was born 18 Nov. 1761. She married, 2 August 1781, John Phips, born at Douglas, the son of Jedediah Phips. The latter, with his wife Sarah (Learned), daughter of Captain Edward Learned of Sherborn, and four children, settled there, 5 May, 1768. In middle life they had a good landed estate. John Phips became a zealous Whig; was prominent in town affairs as moderator, selectman, 1773 and 1780; was on important committees, during the Revolution, such as committees to instruct representatives, 1777; to hire soldiers; member of the county convention at Concord, 1779; as well as on committees of safty. He lived to the ripe age of 94. His father, John Phips, Jr., was the youngest son of John, who was the nephew of Governor Sir William Phips, and his adopted son. He went from Wrentham to Sherborn in 1720, where he was assessor, 1735, tithingman, 1734-1735 and 1745-1746; surveyor, 1736-17-37; sealer of weights and measures, 1738, till his death; and selectman, 1736-1740. He had twelve children.

Sylvanus Phips, of Sherborn and Framingham, son of John Phips and Hannah Coolidge, was born at Sherborn, 16 January 1785, settled in Framingham, 1807. He married (1) Anne Winch who died 25 October 1835; he had two other wives (not important here, though one was Mehitable Coolidge).

Their 7th child was Harriet Newell Phips, born 30 April 1815, who married, 2 June 1836, George Richardson, born at Sterling, 13 October 1878 (four children, among whom the second child was Harriet Phips Richardson, born June 9 1841. She married Senator Abiel Smith Lewis, and she died 16 July 1871. Their only child was Georgina Lewis was born 4 July 1871, and she married, at Framingham, 29 December 1891, John Peter Carl Weis, my father, the son of Frederick and Mary Clap Weis. Sir William Phips is the great-uncle of the above descendants.

The present writer is of the 12th generation
from Sir William Phips.
For simplicity I have used Phips
instead of the later Phipps.

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